

**Minutes of the special meeting of the
Hazel Crest School District No. 152.5
School Finance Authority
Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.
At the Hazel Crest Administrative Center**

A special meeting of the Hazel Crest School District No. 152.5 School Finance Authority was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. at the Hazel Crest Administrative Center.

Call to Order: Larry Hupe called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Larry Hupe
Mary Grant
Barb Toney
Bruce Setchell
Steven Wright (Arrived at 3:40 p.m.)

Others
Present: Rob Grossi
Deb Vespa, State Board of Education (via telephone)
Jay Grimes, State Board of Education
Robert Kelly, Business Manager
Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams, Superintendent

Appointment of Vice Chairperson

Larry Hupe announced the appointment of Barbara Toney to replace Steven Wright as vice-chairperson for the Hazel Crest SFA.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/29/04 meeting was made by Mary Grant, seconded by Barb Toney. A voice vote was taken.

Motion Carried 4-0 (Steven Wright not yet present)

Approval of Bills

Approval of the bills from the prior school board meeting of Hazel Crest School District 152.5 in the amount of \$833,179.98 was considered. (accounts payable = \$288,536.82, estimated payroll = \$544,643.17) Bob Kelly answered questions and after some discussion, Bruce Setchell motioned to accept and Barb Toney seconded.

On the motion: Ayes: Grant, Hupe, Setchell, Toney, Wright
 Nays: None

Approval of School Finance Authority Bills

Approval of the bills for the School Finance Authority in the amount of \$8,763.28 was considered. Motion to approve the bill was made by Barb Toney seconded by Steven Wright.

On the motion: Ayes: Grant, Hupe, Setchell, Toney, Wright
 Nays: None

Report of Chief Executive Officer

Rob Grossi reported that summer bridges funds that were returned to the State last month will not be coming back to the District. The State concluded that these were excess funds sent to the District in error.

Public Comments

None

Closed Session

A motion was made by Steven Wright, seconded by Bruce Setchell at 4:15 p.m. to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel matters, collective negotiations matters, and pending litigation.

On the motion: Ayes: Grant, Hupe, Setchell, Toney, Wright
 Nays: None

Return to Open Session:

The SFA returned to open session at 5:00 p.m. A motion to approve the closed session minutes was made by Mary Grant, seconded by Bruce Setchell. A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried 5-0

Other Business

Steven Wright reported to the SFA that he would not consider a renewed term as member of the School Finance Authority. He read a brief statement thanking all those involved for an opportunity to serve. He concluded his statement by saying, "I believe that we, as a collective body (i.e. SFA, Board, community...), made sure that at every turn we did what we thought was best for the district, the community and ultimately the children. For the opportunity to serve I am appreciative and deeply grateful, and for that I say thank you. All SFA members offered their sadness for Steve leaving and recognized the commitment and dedication he gave to the SFA and the District. Steve will serve until his term is filled by a candidate chosen by the Illinois State Board of Education. Steven left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss Mary Grant motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Setchell seconded. A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

ATTEST:

Rob Grossi, Chief Executive Officer January 4, 2005

APPROVED:

Larry Hupe, Chairman January 4, 2005