

MINUTES OF THE HAZEL CREST SCHOOL DISTRICT #152.5  
SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2006 AT 3:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Hazel Crest School District No. 152.5 School Finance Authority was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. at the Hazel Crest Administrative Center, Hazel Crest, Illinois.

**Call to Order**

Larry Hupe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mary Grant  
Linda Laster-Wilson  
Larry Hupe  
Barbara Toney  
Bruce Setchell

Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Grossi, Chief Executive Officer, SFA  
Deb Vespa, State Board of Education (via telephone)  
Jay Grimes, State Board of Education  
Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams, Superintendent  
Harry Menzel, Interim Business Manager

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/29/05 meeting was made by Linda Wilson, seconded by Bruce Setchell. A voice vote was taken.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Approval of District Bills**

Approval of the bills from the prior school board meeting of the District in the amount of \$562,981.91 was considered (accounts payable = \$194,382.21, estimated payroll = \$368,599.70). Harry Menzel answered questions and after some discussion, Barbara Toney motioned to accept and Bruce Setchell seconded.

**On the motion: Ayes: Grant, Wilson, Hupe, Setchell, Toney  
Nayes: None**

## **Approval of SFA Bills**

Approval of the bills from the SFA in the amount of \$7,741.85 was considered. A motion was made by Mary Grant, seconded by Barbara Toney to approve said bills.

**On the motion:           Ayes: Grant, Toney, Wilson, Hupe, Setchell**  
**Nayes: None**

## **Report of the Business Manager**

Harry Menzel shared with the SFA the financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2005.

## **Report of Superintendent**

The Superintendent updated the SFA on various aspects of the District. Dr. Williams also gave a presentation regarding assessment testing within the District and the progress that has been made regarding preparation for the ISAT tests.

## **Report of Chief Executive Officer**

Rob Grossi shared with the SFA the five major goals he has for the District: (1) Stabilize the District's financial condition; (2) Have the District run as efficiently as possible; (3) Implement a long-term facility plan for the District addressing life after the modular unit contracts expire; (4) Improve the academic programs both in terms of a more comprehensive program and in overall quality of current programs; and (5) Pay off the loan to the State earlier than the stated final maturity of December 1, 2102, if the prior four goals can be met within a balanced budget of the District.

## **Approval of Agreement between Board of Education, School District 152.5 and Service Employees International Union Local No. 73 / CLC for 2005 through 2007**

The School Finance Authority agreed to table the topic for closed session discussion.

## **Resolution Approving Calling of Public Hearing on Intent to Effect Interfund Transfer by Hazel Crest School District No. 152.5**

A motion was made by Mary Grant, seconded by Linda Wilson to approve said resolution.

**On the motion:           Ayes: Grant, Wilson, Hupe, Setchell, Toney**  
**Nayes: None**

## Resolution Approving Actions to Effect Interfund Transfer

A motion was made by Bruce Setchell, seconded by Barbara Toney to approve resolution effecting an interfund transfer as stated on said resolution.

**On the motion:**           **Ayes: Grant, Wilson, Hupe, Setchell, Toney**  
**Nayes: None**

## Other Business

None.

## Public Comments

A member of the Church of Christ asked the SFA to consider allowing his church the ability to continue renting Robert Frost for weekend services. The SFA suggested that he attend the next Board of Education meeting and address the matter to them.

## Closed Session

A motion was made by Mary Grant, seconded by Linda Wilson at 4:30 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, Wilson, Hupe, Setchell, Toney**  
**Nayes: None**

## Return to Open Session

The SFA returned to open session at 5:55 p.m. A motion to approve the closed session minutes was made by Linda Wilson, seconded by Mary Grant. A voice vote was taken.

**Motion carried 5-0**

## Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Linda Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary Grant seconded. A voice vote was taken.

**Motion carried 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:

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Robert Grossi, Chief Executive Officer

Date

APPROVED:

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Larry Hupe, Chairman

Date