

**Independent Authority
For North Chicago District 187
MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, August 8, 2012,
1717 17th Street, North Chicago, Illinois
10:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. King called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ms. King, Ms. Alexander, Mr. Hieb, and Navy representatives Master Chief Evans and Senior Chief Curylo.

Member Present as of 10:05 a.m.: Ms. Goshton

Absent: Mr. Cook

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

No comments were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION [In accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]:

Mr. Hieb moved to convene executive session at 10:07 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Alexander. The motion carried 4-0 with no nays.

Comment [rv1]: Not sure whether we record ex-officio votes in the minutes.

CALL TO RESUME OPEN SESSION:

Mr. Hieb moved to reconvene open session at 11:12 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Goshton. The motion carried 4-0 with no nays.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION / ACTION:

A. Posting and Hiring Procedures

It was noted that the procedure presented would allow the administration the flexibility to post current positions that are vacant and need to be filled. Hiring a person to fill a vacant position would still be contingent upon IA and FOP approval. Mr. Hieb moved to approve the posting and hiring procedures. It was second by Ms. Alexander. The motion carried 4-0 with no nays.

B. 2.25% Salary Increase for Non-represented employees

It was noted that the salary adjustments are structured to match the increase negotiated and given to Union employees. Mr. Hieb moved to approve the recommended salary increases listed as corrected in closed session. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with no nays and 1 vote present.

C. Administrators' Contracts

It was noted that the administrators' contracts listed are for the current 2012-2013 school year. Ms. Goshton moved to approve the contracts. Mr. Hieb seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with no nays and 1 vote present.

D. Instructional Coach Job Description and Title

Mr. Hieb moved to approve the changes to the job description. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with no nays and 1 vote present.

E. Contract Extension of Bill Delp for month of August

It was noted that this extension is for the purpose of transition as new Special Education staff have recently been hired to perform the activities related to this contract. The ability of the new staff to assume the activities specific to this contract was discussed. Upon completion of the project, staff will generate a progress report. Ms. Goshton moved to approve the contract and Ms. Alexander seconded. Calling the motion two members responded present. It was noted and discussed that members need to vote aye or nay to have their votes counted toward approval of an item. The motion was called again and carried 4-0 with no nays.

F. Hiring DoDEA Evaluator

It was noted that this position is both funded and required by the grant. Mr. Hieb moved to approve and Ms. Goshton seconded. The motion carried 4-0 with no nays.

G. Title I & II Grants spending proposals: Contract with Solutions Tree and PLC Contract

The title grants have not yet been submitted and therefore this contract cannot be funded with Title I & II funds. The item was tabled. Later discussion returned to item G. Part of the proposal involves two days of professional development that is scheduled for the start of school. The administration recommended that the two-day segment of services be approved by paying for it out of the educational development budget rather than using Title funds. The availability of funds in the amount of \$13,400 to provide two days of professional development by Solutions Tree and PLC was discussed. The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Hieb moved to approve the contract for \$13,400 to be paid out of the education fund and Ms. Goshton seconded. The motion carried 3-1 with one nay vote cast by Mr. Hieb.

H. Purchase of Text Book Acquisition for grades 6-12

Mr. Hieb moved to approve the purchase of text books for grades 6-12 in the amount of \$439,939.39. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. The social studies books recommended for purchase were published prior to 2008 and would be excluding the most recent historic events. The administration was instructed to research the availability of a newer edition of the current curriculum series of Social Studies text books. The dollar amount approved for the acquisition of text books for grades 6-12 would be increased to allow for purchasing the latest edition of Social Studies text books if they are available. Mr. Hieb moved to amend the motion to approve the purchase of

text books for grades 6-12 not to exceed the amount of \$450,000.00. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion to amend the motion on the floor carried 4-0 with no nays. Mr. Hieb then moved to approve the amended motion. The motion to approve was seconded by Ms. Goshton. The motion carried 4-0, with no nays.

I. Technology Coaching and Consulting Contract for Power School Support

The length and details of the contracted services that would be provided was discussed. This contract would be the second year of a two year plan to implement and train staff on the use of the software/application system. The need for a second year of training was discussed. Having progress reports on staff training was discussed and the costs involved. Members expressed a need to further review the services to be provided. A motion to table the item I was made by Ms. King and seconded by Ms. Alexander. The motion carried 4-0, with no nays.

J. Lunch Point of Sale System

The timing of implementing the new system was discussed. Due to not receiving approval earlier it was noted that the new system will still need to be implemented and tested and that it will not be available for the start of the school year. The bid process that the administration conducted for this item was discussed. The correct process was discussed. It was recommended that this item be postponed to give the administration time to verify/document that the proper process was indeed followed.

K. Speaker for Opening of School Professional Development – Title II Fund

The administration noted that unlike item G this item can be funded from Title II funds because this item was in the FY12 Title II budget. The use of internal speakers rather than out of state speakers was discussed. The need to change culture through professional development was presented by the administration. The value of bringing in this particular speaker was discussed. Ms. Alexander moved to approve the professional development using Title II funds and Mr. Hieb seconded. The motion carried 3-1 with one nay vote cast by Ms. King.

New Business Discussion

A. Update 2011 E-Rate Funding

It was noted that \$ 300,000 plus spent on a wiring project was thought to be coming from E-Rate funding; however, it will have to come out of local funds as the criteria for E-rate funding has recently changed. It was noted that the work needed to be done regardless of funding source but not receiving the funding will constrain the funding of other projects.

B. Future Agenda Format

Modifying the format of the agenda was discussed. It was noted that going forward new business items can be discussion items and under old business items needing action can be handled. The process for asking the administration questions was reviewed.

C. Future Meeting Dates

Meeting dates and times were discussed. The IA will consider scheduling its future meetings on the third Monday at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made at 1:42 p.m. The motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Anderson