

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY OF
NORTH CHICAGO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 187
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012
1717 17TH STREET, NORTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Open Session 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dora King, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Members present: Ms. Dora King, Mr. Jerry Hieb, Ms. Shauana Goshton, Ms. Evelyn Alexander, Mr. Graham Cook and Navy Representatives Master Chief Walter Evans and Senior Chief Ryan Curylo. **Members Absent:** None.

2. Motion to Convene a Public Hearing as Advertised to Discuss the Tentative 2012-2013 Budget.

A motion was called for to convene the Public Hearing. Mr. Hieb motioned and Ms. Goshton seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Presentation of the Tentative 2012-2013 Budget.

a. Budget Highlights - James Weise explained that he has refined the budget to make sure that all information was correct. He stressed that the magnitude of the deficit must be addressed. The administration will ask that it be approved as presented. The budget has been reviewed by ISBE and they have approved going forward with the proposed budget.

b. Public Comments – There were no comments from the public.

c. Independent Authority Comments – Senior Chief Curylo asked when the district would begin to address the need for budget cuts. It was explained that PMA will be charged with developing a plan for reductions. A high percentage of the budget is personnel costs and this will need to be addressed but it will take 3-5 years to rectify. The impact of the Charter School on the budget was discussed. The Board asked what the benefits of the reductions this year would be since they are not as deep as needed. The administration is very conscious of the budget and will attempt to under spend. There will also be reductions throughout the year, such as not filling vacated positions. Current service contracts have been reviewed and some will be re-bid. The maintenance vendor has already agreed to a reduction in cost. The issue of class size will need to be looked at. This will need to be done in a manner that allows us to be successful at educating our students.

5. Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing.

6. Motion to Convene Open Session.

7. Executive Session (In accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 11)

A motion to add an executive session to the agenda to address Litigation was called for. Mr. Hieb motioned and Mr. Cook seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Executive session convened at 6:18.

Call to Resume Open Session

A motion to reconvene open session was called for at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Hieb motioned and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

8. Old Business Discussion / Action

a. Action – Approve Payroll for August, 2012 in the gross amount of \$1,082,580.09

The Board did not approve payroll at the September 17, 2012 meeting because the amount of the expenditure was not available. A motion to approve the August, 2012 payroll in the gross amount of \$1,082,580.09 was called for. Mr. Hieb motioned and Ms. Goshton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Action – Approve Tentative Budget for 2012-2013

A motion was called for to approve the Tentative Budget for 2012-2013. Mr. Hieb motioned and Ms. Goshton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

9. New Business Discussion / Action

a. Discussion/Action – Approve Expenditures for Boiler Controls at Neal Math and Science and North Chicago High School

It was explained that the district will receive incentives when this work is done. This will also be available for two other buildings in the district but the administration will wait to move forward until the district has considered closing facilities. A motion to approve the expenditures for boiler controls at Neal Math and Science and North Chicago High School was called for. Ms. Goshton motioned and Ms. Hieb seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Discussion/Action – First Reading of Board of Education Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts

The administration is asking this policy be reviewed in order to avoid late charges on some accounts due to the timing of Board meetings. The administration is recommending that they be allowed some flexibility in approving expenditures up to \$25,000. This would be used with discretion and if the Board feels the amount is too high, it can be readdressed in the future. A motion was called for to approve the change in Policy 4:60 to reflect the administration's ability to approve expenditures up to \$25,000. Ms. Goshton motioned and Mr. Hieb seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Discussion/Action – Read 180/System 44 North Chicago High School Materials, Technology, and Training: \$128,413.78, Title I Carry Over

The district has a strong investment in these programs. The materials will be purchased with Title I carry over funds as well as this year's funds. The materials would be dedicated to staff intervention with high needs students. There is a bilingual component as well. A motion was called for to approve the Read 180/System 44 North Chicago High School materials. Mr. Hieb motioned and Ms. Goshton seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

d. Discussion/Action – Post/Hire FTE 1.0 Certified School Nurse.

This item was tabled.

e. Discussion/Action – Special Education Supervisor/Temporary Contract Service

The special education department is shorthanded and under watch by ISBE due to compliance issues. At this time of the year it is difficult to find highly qualified staff to fill vacancies. This position would be split between two people and they would receive a reduced amount from the previous contracted temporary staff. A motion was called for to approve the temporary contract service for the Special Education Supervisor. Mr. Hieb motioned and Ms. Goshton seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

f. Discussion/Action – 2012-2013 Calendar Date Change

This item requires no action at this time. The administration wanted to inform the Board that the SIP day in October will be moved from the 19th to the 4th in order to review the new evaluation tool with staff.

10. Information – North Chicago Community Partners and Reading Power

- Dr. Martindale introduced the North Chicago Community Partners and Reading Power staff to the Board. These groups are a tremendous asset to the district.
- The football team is well on its way to the State Championship.
- One Hope United is providing a grant through the County which will help children who have experienced trauma.
- Yeager School had some inoperable fire alarms. Students were moved out of the areas not covered and the alarms were fixed.
- There were power outages at Forrestal and Green Bay this week but not as a result of district issues.
- On October 2, 2012 LEARN Charter School will be having their ribbon cutting ceremony.
- The administration will be asking for Board meeting date changes to address the issue of the Tax Levy.
- PMA will be at the Financial Oversight Panel meeting on October 25, 2012 for a presentation.
- The administration will be meeting with ARCON Associates to discuss a large bill and expectations going forward.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Ms. King asked that the meeting be adjourned at 7:09. Voice vote, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Celia Schneider
Independent Authority Recording Secretary