

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY OF
NORTH CHICAGO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 187
HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT PANEL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012
1717 17TH STREET, NORTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Open Session 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dora King, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present: Ms. Dora King, Ms. Evelyn Alexander, Mr. Graham Cook, Mr. Jerry Hieb and Ms. Shajuana Goshton and Navy Representatives Master Chief Walter Evans and Senior Chief Ryan Curylo

2 Motion to Convene Public Hearing as Advertised to Accept Comment on the North Chicago CUSD 187 2012 Tax Levy

Chairman Dora King requested a motion to convene the 2012 Tax Levy Hearing at 6:32 p.m. It was motioned by Mr. Hieb and seconded by Mr. Cook. **General consent, motion carried.**

3. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

4. Presentation of the 2012 Tax Levy

a. Tax Levy Highlights

James Weise, Executive Director of Business Services, outlined the tax levy information that he presented the Independent Authority on November 13, 2012.

b. Public Comments

Betty Harris asked the Board to be mindful that the City of North Chicago will also be asking for an increased Tax Levy and that North Chicago citizens are struggling.

c. Board Comments

There were no comments from the Independent Authority.

5. . Motion to Adjourn Public Tax Levy Hearing

Chairman Dora King requested a motion to adjourn the Tax Levy Hearing at 6:42 pm. Mr. Hieb motioned and Ms. Goshton seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. **General consent, motion carried.**

6 Executive Session - In accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2)(5)(11) for the purpose of personnel, negotiations, sale or lease of property, and litigation.

7. Reconvene Open Session

Ms. King called for a motion to reconvene open session at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Hieb motioned and it was seconded by Ms. Goshton. **General consent, motion carried.**

8 Motion to Approve the December 11, 2012 Agenda as amended

The agenda was amended to reflect the correction of the Financial Oversight Panel Minute date from November 13, 2012 to November 15, 2012. Mr. Hieb motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Goshton seconded the motion. **General consent, motion carried.**

9 Audience Participation

Shawwna Huley, Advance Illinois and Chairman of the North Chicago Alumni Association, stated that the Alumni Association had created a scholarship in honor of Dion Roberts, an alumni who died in Afghanistan servicing in the military. The Association will also be working with the city to

rename in intersection in his honor. They are also working on a Black History presentation and working to help students through the Girls Connected Program, tutoring, and truancy support. Betty Harris spoke about the correlation between income levels and graduation rates. Monty Beckwith announced that Market Day order forms were now available in Spanish and reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Senior Breakfast on December 28th.

10. Approval of Independent Authority Minutes

Open Session Minutes:

November 7, 2012
November 13, 2012
November 28, 2012

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A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hieb and seconded by Mr. Cook. Mr. Kneeland requested that the minutes of November 7, 2012 be corrected to reflect that he joined the meeting after it had begun. **General consent, motion carried.**

11. Approval of Financial Oversight Panel Minutes

Open Session Minutes:

November 7, 2012
November 15, 2012
November 28, 2012

Closed Session Minutes:

November 7, 2012
November 15, 2012
November 28, 2012

The Financial Oversight Panel voted to approve the minutes as listed above.

12. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Questions concerning consent items that had been submitted to the Chief Educational Officer were answered. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Hieb and seconded by Mr. Cook. **Motion carried 5-0.**

13. Old Business Discussion / Action

a. Discussion/Action – Approve the 2011-2012 Audit Report – Baker Tilly

Don Rossi and Steve Murray from Baker Tilly gave a brief overview of the Audit Report. A motion to accept the 2011-2012 Audit Report was made by Mr. Hieb and seconded by Ms. Goshton. **The motion carried 5-0.**

b. Discussion – School Improvement Grant (SIG) Budget

The SIG Grant budgets for last year and the current school year were given to the Independent Authority for their information.

c. Discussion – Illinois Association of School Board Follow Up Training

Dr. Martindale reminded the Independent Authority that follow up training to the session on November 7, 2012 had been discussed but would be brought forward at a later date due to the time commitment to the District's Strategic Planning.

d. Action – Accept 2012 Tax Levy and Accompanying Resolution.

A motion was called for to accept the 2012 Tax Levy and accompanying resolution. Mr. Hieb motioned and Mr. Cook seconded. **General consent, motion carried.**

e. Action – Approve the Abatement of the 2012 Tax Levy and Accompanying Resolution

A motion was called for to approve the abatement of the 2012 Tax Levy and accompanying resolution. Mr. Hieb motioned and Ms. Goshton seconded. **General consent, motion carried.**

f. Action – Approval of Settlement Agreement; William C. King

A motion was called for to approve the settlement agreement of William C. King. Ms. Goshton motioned and Mr. Hieb seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8. New Business Discussion / Action

a. Discussion– Receipt of Abbott Grant

The district received a grant of \$150,000 from the Abbott Fund. These funds as well as money from the School Improvement Grant, State Grant funds, and district funds will be used to upgrade the science labs at North Chicago High School.

b. Discussion – Strategic Planning Update

On December 6, 2012 the district held a planning Kick off meeting. The Afton group has set an aggressive timeline for completion.

c. Discussion – PBIS School Recognition

Neal Math and Science, Novak King, and A.J. Katzenmaier schools were recognized by the Illinois PBIS Network for their efforts in implementing PBIS.

d. Discussion – LEARN Audit Report

This is for information only.

e. Discussion – Health/Life Safety Report for 2012-2013

This is for information only.

f. Discussion/Action – Approve Extension of Lindbergh Lease with Youth Build of Lake County

A motion was called for to approve the extension of the Lindbergh lease agreement with Youth Build of Lake County. Mr. Cook motioned and Mr. Hieb seconded the motion. **General consent, motion carried.**

g. Discussion/Action – Approve North Chicago District 187 portion of Cost for 3 School's Participation in In Search of Genius Program - \$20,000.

The district has participated in this program which provides curriculum and teaching support for several years. Due to the cost, the district had decided that that we could no longer participate. In Search of Genius will provide service at three schools at a cost to the district of \$20,000 and cover any cost above that amount. A motion was called for to approve North Chicago District 187 portion of cost for 3 school's participation in In Search of Genius program, \$20,000. Mr. Hieb motioned and Ms. Goshton seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

h. Discussion/Action – Approve Expenditure for Maintenance and Support of Scholastic System 44 and Read 180; Title I funded - \$22,125.00

A motion was called for the approve the expenditure for maintenance and support of Scholastic System 44 and Read 180 in the amount of \$22,125.00 to be paid for with Title I funds. Mr. Cook motioned and Ms. Goshton seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Pastor Pritchard and Mr. Ward, who were unable to address the Board during audience participation, addressed the Board regarding their interest in using Hart Elementary building for a Business Training Center for use by the community. They will bring this forward once they have more information for the Board.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Ms. King asked that the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m. **General consent, motion carried.**