

**LELAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – Board of Education**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Room 10, Elementary Building – 370 North Main Street Leland, IL 60531**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President M. Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present for roll call and the Pledge were members Crissip, Gunderson, M. Johnson, McCullough, Plote, and M. Johnson. Absent was President Wesson. Also present were administrators Abrell and Siemers, and recording secretary Flower.

**II. RECEPTION OF VISITORS, GUESTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MEDIA.**

Vice President M. Johnson welcomed Andrea Bloom of the Earlville Post and Karen Emery.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gunderson moved, and Crissip seconded the motion, to approve the agenda.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

Review of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting, November 18, 2009

Financial Reports, Bills & Payroll

**Report No. 10-070 Second Reading of Policies 5:30, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:120-AP2, 5:250, 5:280, 5:330, 6:110, 6:300, 6:300-E1**

The board reviewed eleven policies: 5:30 General Personnel – Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100 Staff Development Program; 5:120 Ethics; 5:120-AP2 Administrative Procedure – Employee Conduct Standards; 5:250 Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence; 5:280 Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications; 5:330 Ed. Support Personnel - Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:110 Instruction – Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program; 6:300 Graduation Requirements; 6:300-E1 Exhibit – Application for a Diploma for Veterans of WW II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict.

Dr. Abrell amended the Consent Agenda, moving the first reading of Policy 7:240 to the January board meeting.

**Report No. 10-071 First Reading of Policies 4:120, 4:120-AP, 4:130, 4:150, 4:160, 4:160-AP, 6:310, 6:320, 6:340, 7:10, 7:190, 7:300, 8:100**

The board reviewed thirteen policies: 4:120 Operational Services – Food Services; 4:120-AP Administrative Procedure – Food Services; 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs; 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds; 4:160-AP Administrative Procedure – Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds; 6:310 Instruction – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions; 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency; 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program; 7:10 Students – Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:190 Student Discipline; 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics; 8:100 Community Relations – Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies.

**Report No. 10-072 Personnel Agenda**

Employ – Support Staff: Angie Thorne, Special Ed. Teacher Aide to PALS elementary program; student attendance days, 6.75 hours/day, \$9.10/hour w/benefits.

Gunderson moved, and McCullough seconded the motion, to approve the amended Consent Agenda.

Voting aye: Crissip, Gunderson, C. Johnson, McCullough, Plote and M. Johnson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**Report No. 10-073 Adopt the Tax Levy**

The board reviewed the tentative tax levy. Dr. Abrell has tentative numbers from both counties. The levy request is about 12% higher than what the district received last year. Dr. Abrell estimates that we will actually receive about 0-1% more money than last year. Members were reminded that what the board levies for is a request. The levy extension is what we actually receive from the counties.

The resolution does not include the bond payments because the county automatically levies for those.

McCullough moved, and C. Johnson seconded the motion, to pass the Resolution for Tax Levy for the Year 2009.

Voting aye: Gunderson, C. Johnson, McCullough, Plote, Crissip, and M. Johnson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**Report No. 10-074 Intergovernmental Agreement**

The board needs to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with Somonauk to offer co-op classes. The charge for each student will remain \$275 per semester. The language or tuition cost in the agreement has not changed.

Gunderson moved, and Plote seconded the motion, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Somonauk for co-op classes.

Voting aye: C. Johnson, McCullough, Plote, Crissip, Gunderson, and M. Johnson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Report No. 10-075 FY '09 Audit**

The audit by Eric J. Fernandez and Co., CPA has been completed. Dr. Abrell was happy with their work and several suggestions they made for small improvements in the bookkeeping process. It should be approved at the January board meeting.

**Report No. 10-076 Memorandum of Understanding for “Race to the Top” Funding**

The Obama Administration (with Sec. of Education, Arne Duncan) basically is working on replacing No Child Left Behind with their version called Race to the Top. Part of the program is that states will compete for federal dollars. Each state is to develop a program to compete for a share of the financial pie. Illinois has developed a plan/proposal. Of that proposal, 56% of the awarded

money is to go to the Chicago Public Schools, the remaining amount to be divided between other participating school districts throughout the state. Since Federal monies will dry up in four years, our district might not want to commit to programs without knowing we can fund them in the future. Also, we would have to tie our teacher observation and evaluation plan, as well as that of the principal, to student performance (i.e. some sort of merit pay). The district would also be required to add a 4<sup>th</sup> year of math to the curriculum for our students. Since there are other “strings” attached, most LaSalle County schools are hesitant to commit at this time. With the current requirements, Dr. Abrell recommends our district decline participating.

**Report No. 10-077 Cafeteria Report**

The cafeteria report showed a balance of -\$498.59 for November, -\$1,885.86 YTD.

**Report No. 10-078 District Enrollments**

The district is down 24 students from a year ago.

**Report No. 10-079 District Administration Report**

The board reviewed the Building Administration Report.

**VII. BOARD COMMENTS**

- The IVVC Board of Control Minutes for December 2, 2009 were reviewed.
- Dr. Abrell noted that 158 students and 20 staff members received the H1N1 immunization at a clinic put on by the LaSalle County Health Department December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **For the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.**

Gunderson moved, and Plote seconded the motion, to go into executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Voting: McCullough, Plote, Crissip, Gunderson, C. Johnson, and M. Johnson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Plote moved, and Gunderson seconded the motion, to go back into regular session at 10:10 p.m.

Voting: Plote, Crissip, Gunderson, C. Johnson, McCullough, and M. Johnson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

In attendance in open session: Crissip, Gunderson, C. Johnson, McCullough, Plote, and M. Johnson.

**IX. FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

- FY'09 Financial Audit will be reviewed at the January board meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Plote moved, and Crissip seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Plote, Secretary

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William Wesson, President