

# **Spotlight on the Board**

## **Notes from the District 15 School Board Meetings**

### **May 14th, 2007**

This meeting was called to certify the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Board of Education election results and as a Board organizational meeting.

All current Board members were present as well as the three newly elected Board of Education members.

### **Certification of April 17, 2007, Board of Education Election Results**

#### **Announcement of Results**

<b>Gerald Chapman</b>	<b>6,744 votes</b>
Richard Bokor	6,345 votes
<b>Sue Quinn</b>	<b>6,768 votes</b>
<b>James Ekeberg</b>	<b>6,875 votes</b>
Lisa Neal	5,620 votes
Mary Vanek	5,678 votes

#### **Board Recognition**

**Dr. McKanna**, D15 Superintendent recognized outgoing Board of Education members Linda Silverman, Scott Boucher and Paula Mikula. He outlined their service on the Board as well as Board committees that they served on over the years. Afterwards, Paula Mikula, Linda Silverman and Scott Boucher each gave a short departing speech.

#### **Organizational Meeting**

##### **Oath of Office – New Board of Education Members**

The Oath of Office was taken by Gerald Chapman, James Ekeberg and Sue Quinn.

##### **Election of Board of Education President**

**Wendy Rowden** nominated Tim Millar for Board of Education President  
Unanimously approved by Ekeberg, Keenan, Millar, Quinn, Rowden, Carlson and Chapman

##### **Election of Board of Education Vice President**

**Sue Quinn** nominated Dr. Ekeberg for Board of Education Vice President.  
**Quinn** – Believes strongly that the Board needs to work together. There are seven members that are independent but working together. Thinks that Dr. Ekeberg believes that as well.

Unanimously approved.

##### **Election of Board of Education Secretary**

Pat Campbell was nominated and approved unanimously.

## **Motion to Establish Time and Place of Regular Board of Education Meetings**

**Dr. McKanna** submitted two Board of Education meeting calendars – Option A for once a month meetings and Option B for two meetings per month.

Motion was made to adopt Option A – once a month meetings  
Board discussion -

**Carlson** – Said that the Committee of the Whole meetings was not the greatest idea. Thinks that having a meeting once a month and Board committees is the preferable way.

**Quinn** – Agrees with Carlson. Thinks the Board could accomplish Board action items in a single meeting. However would like to see the option of having Board communication with the community in the second meeting as it was originally intended to do – to have more of a dialogue. Brought up the possibility of holding meetings at different schools on a rotating basis in order to have more interaction with the community.

**Rowden** – Likes Option B (two meetings a month) and would define the second meeting as a non-business meeting. Likes the idea of going to other schools, knows that at one time the Board used to hold meetings at each building.

**Carlson** – Stated that the Board stopped having meetings at other buildings because of extra overtime put on the staff.

**Chapman** – Said that the Board can always modify the calendar in the future. Seems to him that the issue before the Board now is how often the Board wants to meet to conduct the business of the Board.

**Quinn** – Thought that Calendar A (option A) as the official regular Board of Education meetings is fine as long as the option is open for other meetings.

Motion to approve Option A – once a month meetings.  
Unanimously approved.

2007-2008 Board of Education Meeting Schedule can be found at  
[www.fcwpta.org/pdf/2007-08\\_BOE\\_Meeting\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.fcwpta.org/pdf/2007-08_BOE_Meeting_Schedule.pdf)

## **Motion to Adopt and Enforce All Rules, Regulations, and Policies of the Preceding Board of Education and to Adopt and Enforce All Necessary Rules for the Management and Governance of the Schools of Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine, Cook County, IL**

Unanimously approved.

### **Other –**

#### **Discussion regarding Board Committees**

**McKanna** – Provided a listing of the different Board committees for the past several years and the members received that in their recent Board packet. **Millar** – Asked if the Board members could look through the list. Thought some Board members had additional committees to add to the list.

**Chapman** – Asked Millar if he had in mind the committees that he would like the Board members to consider. Referred to the comment that some people made suggestions about other committees. Said it is difficult for the Board members to express interest in a committee if it may or may not exist. His suggestion is that if there is going to be some committee structure, it would be helpful for Millar to make a recommendation at the next Board meeting that these are the committees of interest and give the members time to decide which they may be interested in.

**Millar** – Thought that this information could be funneled through Dr. McKanna because of the concern of the Open Meetings Act.

**McKanna** – Asked the Board members to identify which committees from the list they made be interested in getting involved with and any additional committees that they had in mind and get back to him by next Wednesday. He will compile the lists and then communicate back to all seven Board members.

**Quinn** – Is recommending a committee to look at different ways to improve communication in the District. Thought a committee would be a good way to brainstorm and bring ideas back to the Board.

### **Proposal for IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) workshop**

**McKanna** – Brought up a suggestion to the Board for an IASB representative to hold a workshop for all seven Board members. Board members agreed and would like to participate in the workshop as soon as possible.

Pat Campbell, D15 Board secretary will try to coordinate dates when all seven members are available.

### **Citizens Address the Board**

There were no requests to address the Board.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.