

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING
MACOMB C.U.S.D. #185
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007
4:30 P.M.

Board President Ardell Thompson called the meeting to order in Team Room B of the Administrative Service Center at 4:30 p.m. Members present were: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Superintendent Reuschel was also present.

Board comments included the following:

- Information on discussions between First Transit and Laidlaw.
- A letter received from a former student regarding the Human Ecology Class.
- Discussions between Dr. Reuschel, the City and the Chamber of Commerce about TIF. Dr. Reuschel advised that she has asked for information on how TIF funds have been used and the impact TIF has had on development.

The Board discussed the District Strategic Plan that was adopted in 2005 and concluded that some of the goals have been achieved and that others need revision. The following are proposed revisions:

Safety

- ***Monitor, support, and/or develop intervention programs such as anti-bullying, to enhance the safety of our staff and students.***
[revised from: create and develop an anti-bullying campaign, with specific interventions.]
- ***Insure that the Safety and Security Committee works collaboratively as well as review and train [as needed] safety & security procedures for the District***

Communication

- ***Increase opportunities for school/home communication at all levels of schooling***
[revised from: increase opportunities for more school/home communication at middle school and high school]

At 6:00 p.m., member DeJong moved, and member Shouse seconded, to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), to discuss student discipline, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), and to discuss litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Members voting “yes”: DeJong, Kiah, Klems, Adams, Thompson, Clark, and Shouse. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The closed meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

The Board conducted discussion on the following policies:

- 7:190 (No Tolerance)
- 2:140 (Internet Usage)
- 5:185 (Family and Medical Leave)
- 5:210 (Resignations and Retirement)
- 5:220 (Substitute Teachers)
- 4:200 (Corporate and Personal sponsorship on behalf of the District)

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A review of the Board of Education calendar was held and there was discussion about changing January and February meeting dates.

At 9:30 p.m., member Kiah moved, and member DeJong seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

President

Date

Secretary