

MINUTES
EISENHOWER COOPERATIVE
REGULAR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 6, 2007

A regular meeting of the Eisenhower Cooperative Executive Board was held at the Midlothian School District 143 Board Room August 6, 2007. MR. HOLLINGSWORTH called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Those present were:

PRESENT:

District 125 - THOMAS LIVINGSTON
District 126 - ROBERT BERGER
District 127 - RITA WOJTYLEWSKI
District 127 ½ - JOYCE KLEINAITIS
District 128 - KATHLEEN CASEY
District 130 - MICHAEL KORSAK
District 143 - MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH
SUE IRELAND, Eisenhower Cooperative

Also present were Bob Fennema (Cooperative Business Manager), Carol Costello (Principal of the CARE Program), Bob Charnet (School District 130 Business Manager), Heidi Katz (Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton, & Taylor LTD), Rob Grossi (Crystal Financial), Jerry Milligan and Craig Seipka (Gilfallan and Callahan) and Dawn Harrah of the Eisenhower Cooperative, who served as recorder.

2.1 A motion was made by MR. BERGER (126), seconded by DR. KORSAK (130), to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Executive Board of June 19, 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143)

ABSTENTIONS: DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½)

NAYS: None

There being six ayes, one abstention and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

2.2 A motion was made by DR. LIVINGSTON (125), seconded by DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), to approve the Financial Report for June 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130),
MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143)

NAYS: None

There being seven ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 2.3 A motion was made by MR. BERGER (126), seconded by DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), to approve the Bills Payable for September with the exception of IDEA grant disbursements. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130),
MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143)

NAYS: None

There being seven ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 2.4 A motion was made by MR. BERGER (126), seconded by DR. LIVINGSTON (125), to approve the IDEA grant disbursement for District 218. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130),
MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143)

NAYS: None

There being seven ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

3. Director's Report: Action Items

- 3.1-3.2 A motion was made by DR. LIVINGSTON (125), seconded by MR. BERGER (126), to approve the employment of Sarah Sanderson as a teacher in the Developmental Learning Program – Step 1, Lane 1 and the employment of Denise Tetter-Wimberly as a first year educational interpreter in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (\$27,523 – 80% of first step of ECEA contract). The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130),
MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143)

NAYS: None

There being seven ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 3.3 A motion was made by DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), seconded by DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), to approve the ten-year lease agreement with Cook County School District 130 for the Eisenhower Cooperative's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130),
MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143)

None

There being seven ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 3.4 Heidi Katz discussed the Real Estate Agreement included in the Board Packet, highlighting paragraph 15, Exhibit C. School District 130 approved this agreement at their last board meeting.

A motion was made by DR. LIVINGSTON (125), seconded by MR. BERGER (126), to approve the Real Estate Agreement between the Eisenhower Cooperative and Cook County School District Number 130 including attached exhibits A thru C, as presented and to be made a part of the minutes of this board meeting, and that the president and secretary be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the executive board, and that the Board of Education of the Cooperative's administrative district, Chicago Ridge School District Number 127 ½, be requested to take action at its next meeting ratifying this board's approval of the said Real Estate Agreement. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130),
MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143)

NAYS: None

There being seven ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 3.5 Jerry Milligan discussed the bids for the construction project of the Eisenhower Cooperative building. He handed out to the Board a letter from Gilfillan Callahan Architects referencing the bids received for the construction of the Cooperative building. He also handed out Bid Tab Worksheets. He recommended to the board that Talsma Builders be the general contractors for this project.

DR. REYNOLDS (132) entered the meeting during the above presentation at 10:23 am. DR. BYRNE (218) entered the meeting during the above presentation at 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made by DR. LIVINGSTON (125), seconded by MR. BERGER (126), to approve and award the contract for construction of the Special Education Condominium provided for in the Eisenhower Cooperative's Real Estate Sale Agreement with Cook County School District Number 130 to Talsma Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$8,093,900, being the low bid for the work described in the bid specifications dated April 2007, with Alternates 3 and 4 to be included in said contract and Alternates 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 declined, and that the president and secretary be authorized to execute, on behalf of the Executive Board, the construction contract as finalized, and that the Board of Education of the Cooperative's Administrative District, Chicago Ridge School District Number 127 ½, be requested to take action at its next meeting, ratifying this board's award and approval of the said construction contract.

The roll was called on this motion with following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130), DR.
REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143)

ABSTENTIONS: DR. BYRNE (218)

NAYS: None

There being eight ayes, one abstention and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 3.6 Heidi Katz referenced and discussed the Bond Counsel Engagement Letter included in the Board Packet including the conflicts waiver and the fee for representation. Heidi highlighted page 4 of the Chapman and Cutler letter and discussed it. She recommended that the Board approve the revised Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement as presented.

A motion was made by DR. LIVINGSTON (125), and seconded by DR. REYNOLDS (132), to approve the engagement of Chapman and Cutler L.L.P. as Bond Counsel for the proposed issuance of the Cooperative's Debt Certificates, Series 2007, on the terms set out in the letter from Lynda K. given to Sue Ireland dated July 30, 2007, including waiver of objection and consent to the representation by Chapman and Cutler of the proposed certificate purchasers in connection with the issue, and that the president of the Executive Board be authorized to execute said Bond Counsel Engagement Letter on behalf of the Board, and that the Board of Education of the Cooperative's Administrative District, Chicago Ridge School District Number 127 ½, be requested to take action at its next meeting, ratifying this Board's approval of the said engagement of Bond Counsel. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130), DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BYRNE (218)

NAYS: None

There being nine ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 3.7 Rob Grossi (Crystal Financial) addressed the Board and announced that we received a commitment from Harris Bank to finance the construction of the Eisenhower Cooperative building at an interest rate of 4.52%. The loan will be for 15 years but can be refinanced or paid early after ten years. One year of debt repayment will be required to be placed in an interest-bearing account. The interest accrued will be available for Cooperative use. The funds in this account will be used to pay the final year of debt. Rob Grossi indicated that School District 127 ½ will have to approve the resolution at its August 14th board meeting. The closing date is scheduled for August 21, 2007.

Heidi Katz stated that the Executive Boards' obligations are due four times a year. The first debt payment date is October 2008.

A motion was made by DR. LIVINGSTON (125), and seconded by DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), to approve that the Executive Board adopt the resolution titled as follows: "Resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing real or personal property, or both, for the Eisenhower Cooperative, Cook County, Illinois, and authorizing and providing for the issue of \$5,500,000 Debt Certificates, Series 2007, of said Cooperative evidencing the rights to payment under such Agreement, prescribing the details of the Agreement and Certificates, and providing for the security for and means of payment under the Agreement of the Certificates", and that the president and secretary be authorized to execute the said resolution on behalf of the Executive Board, and that the Board of Education of the Cooperative's Administrative District, Chicago Ridge District Number 127 ½, be requested to adopt at its next meeting a resolution ratifying the issuance of said debt certificates by the Cooperative and this Board's adoption of the Debt Certificate Resolution authorizing and evidence issuance of the Debt Certificates. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130), DR.
REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BYRNE (218)

NAYS: None

There being nine ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

4. Director's Report: Informational Items

4.1 Dr. Ireland stated that Dr. Smith conducted the "Getting On Board" training on June 14th and highlighted the "Guidelines for Boards" developed by the participants.

4.2 The *Cooperative Clips* for July and August were highlighted.

4.3 Sue Ireland reviewed the Executive Board Meeting Schedule for 2007-2008.

4.4 Sue Ireland informed the Board that the IDEA Flow Through Grant was approved for \$5,556,376.

4.5 Sue Ireland reminded the Board that districts must complete the necessary IWAS authorization to allow the Cooperative to electronically transmit special education data to ISBE

4.6 Sue Ireland highlighted her memo of June 2007 regarding monthly fund balances and availability of IDEA carryover dollars.

4.7 Sue Ireland reviewed a memo from Associated Property Counselors, Ltd. regarding appraisal of the land at the Nathan Hale Campus at \$75,000 - \$100,000 per acre.

4.8 The Harris Bank Bid for Purchase of Bonds was highlighted.

4.9 Sue Ireland discussed the partnership with Illinois State University to develop Family Assessment Portfolios.

4.10 Sue Ireland informed the Board that she was requested by State Superintendent Chris Koch to assist with the selection of the new ISBE Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and for the selection of the new Superintendent for the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

5. Announcements – Sue Ireland welcomed DR. CASEY and DR. BYRNE to the Executive Board.

She informed the Board that there are four new district special education coordinators starting this school year.

She also announced that elementary districts will receive a refund check based on their enrollment of students in the DLP last year since the cost per student was less than projected.

6. Audience Participation – None

7. A motion was made by MR. BERGER (126), seconded by DR. LIVINGSTON (125), to adjourn the meeting. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127),
DR. KLEINAITIS (127 ½), DR. CASEY (128), DR. KORSAK (130),
REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BYRNE (218)

There being nine ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.