

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
HOOVER-SCHRUM MEMORIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 157, COOK COUNTY, HELD
AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 24th OF NOVEMBER, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Board President, Charles Garcia, and upon roll call, the following attendance was noted:

Present: Angela Bomba
 Tameka Fowler
 Charles Garcia
 Alysia Keys
 John Kresich
 Tonya Reed

Absent: Eric Gibson Arrived at 7:25 p.m. Departed at 10:39 p.m.

Also present were Dr. Michele Morris, Superintendent; Mrs. Deborah Clayton, Chief School Business Official; Dr. Shernita May, District Principal; Mrs. Cynthia Revels-Young, Special Services Coordinator; Ms. Shirley Creamer, Hoover School Assistant Principal; Dr. Raymond LaPorte, Hoover-Schrum Foundation Consultant; and Mr. Nicholas Papanicholas, Nicholas & Associates.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2015**

Motion was made by Mr. Kresich, seconded by Mrs. Bomba, to approve the minutes of the regular and executive session meeting held on October 26, 2015. Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

Superintendent, Dr. Michele Morris, expressed to the members of the Board of Education on behalf of the Hoover-Schrum Memorial School District 157 family a heartfelt thank you for all that is done by the Board members. She stated that the countless hours of community engagement, tireless hours spent in meeting and at programs does not go unnoticed.

The members of the Board of Education were presented with projects, pictures and letters from the Hoover – Schrum students. They were also presented with poinsettia plants and a cake.

Board President, Mr. Garcia, stated that at the Hoover-Schrum presentation at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference while going through the district's history, a lot has been accomplished. He shared that it has been an amazing ride. Mr. Garcia gave kudos to the entire Board for a job well done!

Dr. Morris also shared that District Principal, Dr. Shernita Mays, was nominated for Middle School Principal of the Year. She stated that Dr. Mays has already won the Regional Middle School Principal of the Year. The state level is next.

Hoover School

Hispanic Heritage Program – The program was held on October 22, 2015. The students gave a wonderful performance knowing their lines by heart. Mr. Vazquez and two of the 5th grade students narrated the program.

Fire Prevention Week – Two of Calumet City’s firefighters came to Hoover School to discuss fire safety tips for grades Pre-Kindergarten through third grade. The students had many questions for the firefighters and they answered them gladly!

The Police and Firefighters’ Breakfast – The breakfast was held on October 30, 2015. The Hoover students honored the guests with poems, songs, letters, and posters. After eating a great breakfast prepared by Board President, Mr. Garcia, Police Chief Gilmore was honored with an award presented by Superintendent, Dr. Morris.

PBIS Good Character Assembly- An assembly featuring “What it means to have good character” and “valuing our school” was presented to the 5th grade students on October 30, 2015. The students were told a story about students living in another country and not being able to go to school. The students listened intently and had questions afterward. The students chanted an inspirational phrase, encouraging themselves at the end.

“Real Men Can Read” was held on November 5, 2015. The Calumet City firefighters came out to read to the Hoover students, along with some fathers of the Hoover students. Also, some of the male staff members read to the students.

TF North Marching Band – The band came to perform for the 4th and 5th grade students in the gym on November 3, 2015. The band did an outstanding job and the Hoover students were completely engaged in the activity. TF North drum-line performed last, which really interested the male students.

Airman Joshua Kresich came back to Hoover School to talk with the 4th and 5th grade students about his experience in the Air Force. We had to stop the students’ questions so that he could leave to go to Schrum on time.

The PBIS Meeting was held on November 9, 2015. The PBIS Team discussed the upcoming activities and the rewards to be given.

The Scholastic Book Fair began on November 16, 2015, and continued through November 20, 2015.

Schrum Memorial Middle School

Schrum Memorial Middle School started out with a Spartans Spirit Week. Each day there was a different day. Monday was twin day. Students were to dress exactly the same. Tuesday was Jersey Day. Students showed their support for the Cubs as they play their first play-off game towards the World Series! Students were able to wear jerseys or shirts. Wednesday was Casual Day. Schrum made it half way through the week, so it was time to unwind, and show some Spartan spirit with jogging pants. Thursday was “Think Pink” Day. October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month so students wore something pink to support Cancer Awareness. Friday was mixed-matched day, inside out day, crazy hair and nerdy style outfits to show a sense of humor!

There were **two assemblies for the month of October**. The 1st speaker was Mr. Baugh, a motivational. He talked to the student about the importance of taking responsibility of your behavior and actions. He had a power point presentation that went along with his project. We had a speaker for Veterans Day. The second speaker was a former student, Jonathan Kreshich. He shared of his experiences in middle school as well as his experiences in the navy. We had an assembly.

The T.F. North band visited Schrum with an amazing show. All the musicians and dancers had a great opportunity to show Schrum students their many talents.

Schrum had its first Student of the Month Luncheon with Superintendent, Dr. Morris at which the students were allowed to bring a friend.

Student Council started collecting food for the Annual Food Drive. The homeroom who collects the most food will earn a lunch.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Hoover School

“Real Men Read” fathers came to help read to the students on November 5, 2015. Mr. Dobson was able to come and read in all three of his children classrooms.

During the Parent /Teacher Conference on November 10, 2015, parents came to Hoover throughout the day and evening. The English Language Learner (ELL) staff was readily available to help interpreted for Spanish speaking parents. Parents were given the Parent/Teacher/Student Compact to sign during their conferences. There were eight vendors selling their products.

Schrum Memorial Middle School

There were parents that attended the RTI meetings. There were 5-7 parents per grade level.

There were 3-5 parents that attended the field trips.

The Spartans have a lot of parents that attend the basketball games.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

There were no comments from visitors made.

IMPREST FUND

The Imprest Fund was provided for review by the members of the Board of Education.

APPROVE THE PAYROLLS FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2015, NOVEMBER 6, 2015 (2), AND NOVEMBER 20, 2015, TOTALING \$582,980.85

Motion was made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the payrolls for November 6, 2015, November 6, 2015 (2), and November 20, 2015, totaling \$582,980.85. Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Gibson, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

APPROVE THE OCTOBER BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,789,234.13

Motion was made by Mrs. Reed, seconded by Mr. Kresich, to approve the October Bill List in the amount of \$1,789,234.13. Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Gibson, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

APPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST INCOME FUNDED AS PRESENTED, EARNED BY THE SCHOOL TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,860.89

Motion was made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the distribution of interest income funded as presented, earned by the School Treasurer's office for the quarter ending September 30, 2015, in the amount of \$44,860.89. Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Gibson, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

ADOPT THE 2015 LEVY AS PRESENTED

Motion was made by Mrs. Reed, seconded by Mrs. Bomba, to approve the 2015 Levy as presented. Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Gibson, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

APPROVE THE BUILDING FUNDRAISERS FOR THE 2015 – 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion was made by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kresich, to approve the building fundraisers for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Gibson, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE REPORTS – INFORMATIONAL

Superintendent Dr. Morris gave the Parent/Teacher Conference Reports for the 1st Quarter for Schrum Memorial Middle School as follows:

6th Grade had 68% of parental attendance, and 50% attendance in Special Education classes; 7th Grade had 74% of parental attendance, and 80% attendance in Special Education classes; and 8th grade had 64% of attendance, with 33% attendance in Special Education classes. The average attendance for Schrum Memorial Middle School's 1st Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences is 68%.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THE NEW SCHRUM MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT – INFORMATIONAL

Mr. Nicholas Papanicholas, Nicholas & Associates, provided the Board of Education with a construction update for the new Schrum Memorial Middle School building project. New aerials were provided for the members of the Board of Education.

Dr. Morris shared that she along with Chief School Business Official, Mrs. Deborah Clayton, took a walk-thru of the new school building. She shared that she was blown away and that Tom, the project manager, was a wonderful guide.

HOOVER-SCHRUM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

Dr. Raymond LaPorte provided the Board of Education a Hoover-Schrum Memorial Foundation update. He stated that the 401(c)(3) process was nearing its completion. Dr. LaPorte shared that the foundation team will soon meet to establish goals and a mission statement. He also stated that Mesirow Financial will be looking into federal stimulus monies to assist in the building project. Dr. LaPorte stated that the deadline is January 15, 2016. He also stated that Dr. Bennie Knott, District Grants/Curriculum Administrator, provided him with a list of S.T.E.M. grant opportunities. He has since given them to Rose Jordan to research.

APPLE EXECUTIVE BRIEFING – NOVEMBER 30, 2015 – DECEMBER 1, 2016

Superintendent Morris stated that the Apple Executive Briefing would be held November 30, 2015 – December 1, 2015 in downtown Chicago. She stated that while the building administrators were at the briefing with Board Secretary, Mrs. Reed, and Board member, Mrs. Keys, District Administrators Dr. Raymond LaPorte and Dr. Bennie Knott would have district level authority and the following Certificated Type 75 personnel would have authority in the buildings; Hoover School - Mrs. Cynthia Revels-Young and Mrs. Natalie Bako; Schrum Memorial Middle School – Ms. Nahreisha Tate, Mrs. Adrienne Kimes, Mr. Vollrath and Mrs. Carol Byrd.

**NASB 76TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, BOSTON, MA – APRIL 9-11, 2016 –
INFORMATIONAL**

The National Association of School Boards 76th Annual Conference will be held April 9 – 11, 2016 in Boston Massachusetts.

SCHEDULE DATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - DECEMBER 10, 2015 - 4:30 p.m.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE -

EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE -

FINANCE COMMITTEE - DECEMBER 10, 2015 - 3:30 p.m.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE -

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - DECEMBER 9, 2015 - 3:30 p.m.

POLICY COMMITTEE -

BOARDDOCS TRAINING – DECEMBER 15, 2015, 6:00 P.M. – INFORMATIONAL

A BoardDocs training has been scheduled for the members of the Board of Education on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Morris shared with the members of the Board of Education that during the IASA/IASB/IASBO Annual Joint Conference that she visited Dawn Choate at the Z-Space vendor booth. She also stated that they spoke in regard to purchasing options for 3-6 modules using the Title I grant. Dawn Choate is willing to come to a Board of Education meeting in either February or March. Dr. Morris stated that she will be in contact with Ms. Choate in January.

Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Fowler stated that during the IASA/IASB/IASBO Annual Joint Conference they were able to participate in a Chicago School Tour. The two visited Skinner West, located at 1260 W. Adams in Chicago, Illinois. They were impressed with the diversity and engagement that took place in the classrooms. It was suggested that our Administrators visit Skinner West to inspire the direction of Hoover-Schrum Memorial School District 157.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mrs. Bomba, to adjourn to closed session at 8:43 p.m. to discuss:

Matters concerning specific employees or legal counsel, as permitted in 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Student Disciplinary cases. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (9).

Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).

Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Gibson, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bomba, seconded by Mrs. Fowler, to return to Open Session at 10:45 p.m. Upon roll call all members voted Aye; Nays: none; motion carried.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION LETTER OF NICOLE TURNBULL, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10, 2015, AS A LUNCHROOM SUPERVISOR/BUS AIDE AT SCHRUM MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion was made by Mr. Kresich, seconded by Mrs. Keys, to accept the resignation letter of Nicole Turnbull, effective November 10, 2015, as a Lunchroom Supervisor/Bus Aide at Schrum Memorial Middle School. Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

APPROVE THE POSTING FOR A LUNCHROOM SUPERVISOR/BUS AIDE AT SCHRUM MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion was made by Mr. Kresich, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the posting for a Lunchroom Supervisor/Bus Aide at Schrum Memorial Middle School. Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

APPROVE THE HIRING OF JACQUELINE GONZALEZ, AS THE BILINGUAL PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR SCHRUM MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL, PENDING THE ISSUANCE OF A PARAPROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE

Motion was made by Mrs. Reed, seconded by Mrs. Keys, to approve the hiring of Jacqueline Gonzalez, as the Bilingual Paraprofessional for Schrum Memorial Middle School, pending the issuance of a Paraprofessional Educator License. Upon roll call the following members voted Aye: Bomba, Fowler, Garcia, Keys, Kresich, Reed; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kresich, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to adjourn at 10:51 p.m. Upon roll call all members voted Aye; Nays: none; Abstain: none; motion carried.

Board President

Secretary