

**School Board Meeting Minutes
Illini West High School District #307**

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Time: 7:06 p.m.
Location: 96 S. Madison, Carthage, IL 62321

- 1) Call to order by Board President
The regular meeting of the Illini West High School District 307 of Hancock County, IL was called to order by Tracey Anders, board president, at 7:06 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call
(1) Tracey Anders (5) Thomas Holtsclaw
(2) Robert R. Clifton (6) R. D. Trout
(3) Mark Burling (7) Janet Vass
(4) Jerry Green
- 3) Motion by Holtsclaw, seconded by Clifton to approve the Regular Minutes of August 12, 2009; Special Board Meeting of August 26th, 2009; and Executive Session of August 12, 2009 and August 26, 2009. Roll Call: Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes. Motion carried.
- 4) Motion by Clifton, seconded by Holtsclaw to approve payment of the bills presented totaling an amount of \$304,195.44. A question was raised regarding the architects (Klingner and Associates) bill in the amount of \$1,250 for the drainage problem in the back of the high school property. Concern was expressed that it is high for the scope of the project. It was suggested that we talk to them about it and not pay the bill at this time. The ETC bill for pulling cable was also questioned. Mike will check further into those charges. That bill will also be held at this time. Roll Call: Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes. Motion carried
- 5) Motion by Holtsclaw, seconded by Burling to approve the Fund Raising/Building use requests as follows: FBLA—Klien Catalog sales –8/24-9/5; Spec Ed Department—caramel apples—October; FFA—Fruit sales—November; Baseball—Coke Sales—Jan/Feb; Baseball—Shirt Sales—Jan/Feb. Roll call: Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes. Motion carried.
- 6) Motion by Holtsclaw, seconded by Burling to approve the overnight trip of FFA Made for Excellence Conference on January 29-30 and the FBLA trip on Sept. 25-26 to Decatur, IL (Theresa Twaddle and Lauren McGaughey). Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes. Motion carried.
- 7) Motion by Holtsclaw, seconded by Trout to approve the agenda as amended to add inspection of mobiles, Christmas gift cards, along with the following items to Item 24: , discussion on Board meetings, and Title One update. Roll Call; Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes. Motion carried.

- 8) Recognition of Visitors: Linda Hartweg gave a presentation regarding Absence Incentives (page 15 of the Student Handbook). She expressed concern as a parent as to this policy. It was emphasized that inflating students' grades is not what was intended, but rather that students be encouraged to be in class to aid the educational process. Mr. Mauzy will meet with committee members to review the policy as stated in the Handbook and to review notes taken from the various meetings of the Parent/Teacher Advisory Committee during the Handbook review process. The matter will be revisited at a future meeting.
- 9) Student Council Report: Tim Yex reported on the plans for Homecoming. The parade will be October 2, with the Dance on October 3 from 8:00 to 11:00. The theme of Homecoming Week is Hollywood Nights.
- 10) Teacher Comments: Mrs. Roth, teacher representative in attendance, reported that she loves how school is going and that it is a very nice change. She feels Mr. Dion and Mr. Gooding are doing good things.
- 11) Special Education Report: Ms. Miller reviewed her report that was included in the board packet.
- 12) Guidance Department Report: Ms. Logan presented her report. She indicated she supports the presentation given by Mrs. Hartweg. Mr. Dion is busy meeting with Seniors, reviewing their post-graduation plans. Mrs. Logan is meeting with Freshmen, mapping out their next four years.
- 13) Principal's Report: Mr. Dion and Mr. Gooding were not at our meeting. Their reports were included in the board packet.
- 14) Storm Water Drainage Problem has been completed.
- 15) Bleacher inspection and repair/ replacement has been completed. Appreciation was expressed for the good job done by all who helped.
- 16) Replacement of Drivers Ed Car. Mr. Mauzy was given permission to talk to local dealers about getting a program car for drivers ed.
- 17) Audit Report as given by Reusch, Butler and Associates, PC, 217 North Randolph Street Macomb, IL 61455. Greg Butler was present to review the report. He indicated the district is strong and doing well financially. The High School Activity Fund (pages 12- 20) was reviewed very closely, and they looked good. Fund balances have increased and look strong. Clifton made motion to accept the Auditor's Report as presented, seconded by Green. Roll Call: Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes. Motion carried.

- 18) Motion by Clifton, seconded by Trout to approve establishing the tuition cost for 2009-2010 at \$8,401.26 per student for the year as of September 9, 2009. Roll Call: Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes. Motion carried.
- 19) Mobiles Inspection: It was reported that the mobiles passed inspection, with some minor changes that need to be addressed.
- 20) The Board directed Mr. Mauzy to proceed with the Turkey gift cards for all the staff and board members for Christmas as was done last year.
- 21) An update was requested regarding Title One grants. It was reported that the overall grant has been approved. We are now in a position to submit the one for the computer lab.
- 22) Motion by Holtsclaw, seconded by Burling to enter into executive session at 10:37. Roll Call: Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes. Motion carried.
- 23) Motion by Burling, seconded by Clifton to leave executive session at 11:28 and re-enter regular session at 11:29. Roll Call: Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes Vass/yes. Motion carried.
- 24) Motion made by Holtsclaw, seconded by Trout that the Board of Education approves the employment of Mel Roth as 2013 Class Sponsor. Roll Call: Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes. Motion carried.
- 25) Motion made by Green, seconded by Holtsclaw that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Melissa Sturlic as Speech Sponsor effective immediately. Roll call: Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes. Motion carried.
- 26) Motion by Green, seconded by Clifton that the Board of Education approves the resignation of Alan Draper as Assistant Speech Sponsor effective immediately. Roll Call: Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/no, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes. Motion carried.
- 27) Motion by Holtsclaw, seconded by Burling that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Todd Courtois and Scott McGaughy as volunteer golf coaches for the 2009-2010 season effective immediately and completion of all district employment requirements. Roll Call: Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes. Motion carried.
- 28) Motion by Clifton, seconded by Burling that the Board of Education approves the employment of Cynthia Melvin as bus driver effective immediately and completion of all

district employment requirements. Roll Call: Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes. Motion carried.

- 29) Motion by Clifton, second by Burling that the Board of Education approves the employment of John Phillips as bus driver effective immediately and completion of all district employment requirements. Roll Call: Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes, Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes. Motion carried.
- 30) Motion by Burling, second Clifton to adjourn at 11:35pm. Roll Call: Green/yes, Clifton/yes, Burling/yes, Vass/yes, Anders/yes, Holtsclaw/yes, Trout/yes. Motion carried.