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School District 428 Board of Education
Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting
September 20, 2013

A regular meeting of the School District 428 Board of Education was held on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., in the Conference Room at the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice-Aftercare Building, 100 N. Western, Chicago, IL 60612.

The meeting was called to order at 9:44 a.m. by President Arthur Bishop. Present at the meeting were board members: Arthur Bishop, Anthony Grady, James Gunnell, Tresa Dunbar, Carl Ellis, Donald Smoot. Others present were Acting Superintendent Rick Gravatt, Chief of Governmental Affairs -Mary Reynolds, Policies Project Manager for IDJJ - Kathryn Williams, Chief General Counsel-Beth Compton and Administrative Assistant I –Delores McKinney.

**Minutes:**
**Meeting was called to order at 9:44 a.m. by President Arthur Bishop. Roll call was done by Delores McKinney all members were in attendance so we have a quorum. Motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to accept the minutes from previous board meetings and seconded by Ms Dunbar and motion carried. Motion made to go into close session at 9:46 by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Dunbar and motion carried. Mr. Ellis made motion to open meeting up at 11:04 and seconded by Mr. Grady and motion carried. Motion made to close session minutes by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Grady and motion was carried.**
**President Arthur Bishop noted that as a School Board we have to follow the school codes and that the issues and concerns surrounding funding, special education etc... will be taken up with ISBE. Chief General Counsel noted that the School Board is responsible for the education of the youth at Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.**
**Chief of Government affairs Mary Reynolds spoke briefly about packet handout on School Board roles and Policies to help give a better understanding of the offices that can be held by School Board members. Ms. Dunbar made motion for this to be an item for agenda at next Board meeting. Grady seconded and motion carried.**
**Acting Superintendent -Mr. Gravatt briefly elaborated on his goals as superintendent listed in the packet:**

- Improve communication-building positive relationships
- Staffing needs- critical vacancies
- Special education
- Career and Technical Education
- Staff and Student Morale

**Mr. Gravatt stated that he needs to have further conversation with ISBE about the status of youth with IDOC and target areas that needed to be addressed. President Bishop notes that there is a need for conversations surrounding education that will be had with IDOC – Godinez, Ms. Taylor and ISBE.**

**Board concerns and questions as stated:**

- Board members want to know how we are going to handle the magnitude of the youth for IDOC.
- Getting a head start on the issues we are aware of in reference to the lawsuit.
- Wait to see what the real issue is after the report.
- Are they responsible for the education of the youth in IDOC?
- Want to understand their roles as school board members for the Department of Juvenile Justice and request for something in writing to be clear.
- Wants something in writing from ISBE as to what they expect for SD 428 and the board.
- Being realistic about the measure of youth we are dealing with.
- Want to visit facilities to talk with staff, superintendent, program people, treatment team etc...
- What is the Epar process?
- How to get money in for sped?
- Make sure the credits from OEE are acceptable.

Mr. Grady made a motion to have meeting with Pearson/FLVS. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Motion was made to Adjourn the meeting at 1:30 by Mr. Smoot and second by Mr. Grady motion carried and meeting adjourned.